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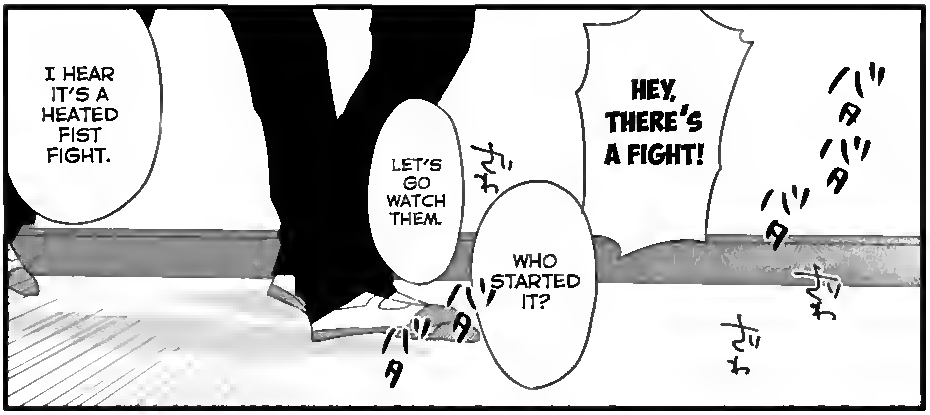

I HEAR IT'S A HEATED FIST FIGHT.
LET'S GO WATCH THEM.
WHO STARTED IT?
HEY, THERE'S A FIGHT!

WAKA-MATSU-KUN...?
WHO ARE FIGHTING?
A RED-HAIRED GUY WITH ANOTHER ONE.
PRO-BABLY FIRST YEARS.

A PATROL CAR EVEN CAME.
AMAZING.
THEY SAY THERE WERE INJURED STUDENTS.
...BUT WAKAMATSU-KUN IS STRONG.
HE'LL BE FINE...

A FIRE BROKE OUT!
BRING SOME FIRE EXTINGUI-SHERS!
HAS ANYONE CONTACTED THE FIRE STATION?
STUDENTS, WAIT INSIDE YOUR CLASS-ROOMS!
WHERE IS HE?
MEGU-MI!
WAKA-MATSU-KUN!
STUDENTS ARE TO HEAD TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSROOMS IMMEDIATE-LY--
ANNOUNCE-MENT TO ALL STUDENTS
MIKI-CHAN ...

THEY SAID IT'S ONLY A SMALL FIRE.
SOUSHI IS ALRIGHT.
OH...
REAL-LY?
WHAT A RELIEF.
HE WAS TARGETED BY SOME UPPER-CLASS-MEN.
ALONG WITH KIKUCHI.
I HEARD IT WAS A FIST FIGHT...
YEAH.
BUT SOUSHI'S STRONG. I THINK THEY'LL BE FINE...

I WAS STARTLED.

A FIGURE THAT CAN BRAND INTO MY MEMORY.

MEGUMI-CHAN.

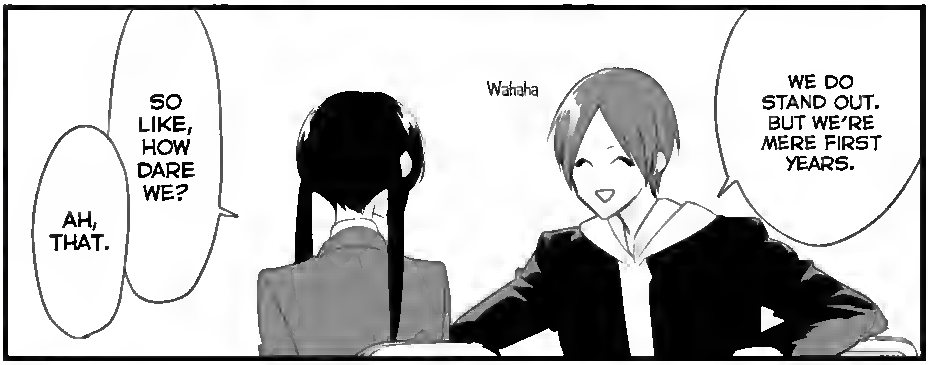
KAWA-SAKI-KUN.
GOOD MORNING.

IT SEEMS SOUSHI'S SUSPENDED FOR FIVE DAYS.
A week, in other words.

KAWASA-KI-KUN, YOU...
I DIDN'T JOIN THE FIGHT.
I SEE...

I'M SORRY.
I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED THEM.
CHIHIRO'S ONLY SUSPENDED FOR THREE DAYS, THOUGH.
BUT SOUSHI'S ACTIONS WERE HEAVIER.
...I SEE.
THEY SAID WAKAMATSU-KUN DIDN'T START THE FIRE.
IT'S OKAY.
THE UPPER-CLASSMEN STARTED THE FIGHT, RIGHT?
SOME CLEANING TOOLS BURNED.
HE THOUGHT HE PUT IT OUT, BUT TURNS OUT IT WASN'T THE CASE.
YEAH. THE CAUSE WAS A THIRD YEAR'S CIGARETTE.

SOUSHI DOESN'T SMOKE ANYMORE.
THE THIRD YEAR WAS THE ONE WITH A LIGHTER.
YEAH...


WE DO STAND OUT. BUT WE'RE MERE FIRST YEARS.
Wahaha
SO LIKE, HOW DARE WE?
AH, THAT.

TACHIBANA-KUN AND I ARE MERE FIRST YEARS, BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE DO BETTER ACADEMICALLY THAN THE THIRD YEARS, THOUGH.
I mean Tachibana-kun has expert knowledge about Math.
MEGUMI-CHAN, YOU CAN SPEAK OUT YOUR MIND NOW! I LIKE YOU!!

I GUESS ...
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOUR HEART RACE WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW GOT INVOLVED WITH THE POLICE?
I THINK IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE POLICE GOT INVOLVED.
I SAW THEM IRRITATED AS THEY WERE TAKEN.
THAT'S JUST LIKE WAKAMATSU-KUN.
Ahaha.
THOSE TWO ARE ALREADY USED TO THAT, SO MAYBE NOT REALLY.
WELL, YOU'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN NEXT WEEK. DON'T WORRY.
THEY WEREN'T EXPELLED.
I don't want a second time
BUT IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART...

AH
OH HEY, MEGUMI-CHAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT I'LL BE A BIT LONELY.
I HOPE THE DAYS PASS BY QUICKLY.
RIGHT?
SIIGH~ YOU'VE BECOME CUTER.
I FIGURED THE WEATHER WILL GET COLDER BY NOW.
YOU'RE WEARING TIGHTS TODAY.
AHAHA
SURE.
OH NO, I SAW YOU FIRST. CAN I TAKE A PHOTO?
GONNA SEND IT TO SOUSHI.

GOOD MORNING.
AH, KIKUCHI-KUN.
YOUR EXPRESSION SAYS, "HE'S NOT HERE AGAIN, HUH."
It's lonely without him.
SOUSHI'S STILL NOT HERE.
UFUFU TWO MORE DAYS LEFT.
SOUSHI HAD A SIMILAR EXPRE-SSION.
REAL-LY?
YEAH... HOW CAN YOU TELL?

HE REGRET-TED IT.
"I DID SOMETHING STUPID,"
HE SAID.
HE REALIZED WHAT HE'S DONE AFTER SEEING YOUR FACE.
CAUSING A FIRE DISTURB-ANCE,
GETTING IN A FIST FIGHT, BECOMING INJURED AND WORRYING YOU.
BECAUSE OF YOU,
HE WAS REFLECT-ING.
THAT TIME...

KIKUCHI-KUN,
HAVE YOU GONE TO WAKAMATSU-KUN'S HOUSE?
?
I HAVEN'T.

SO THAT WAS THE CASE ...

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT.
OH.
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YOU DIDN'T MEET?
YOU WERE SUSPEND-ED...
You were absent from school, weren't you?
HM?
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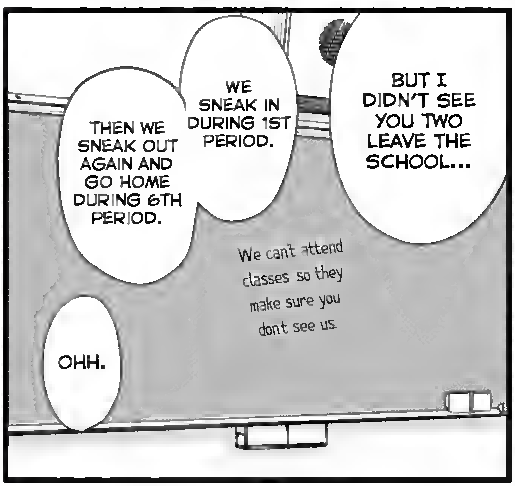
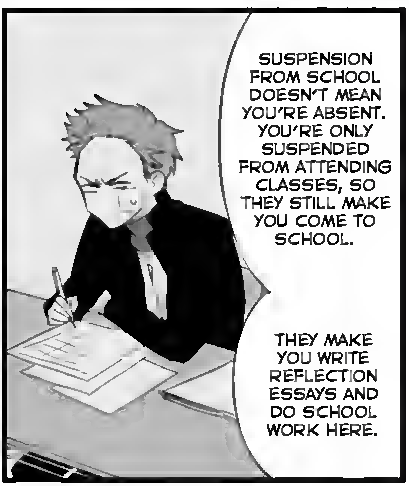
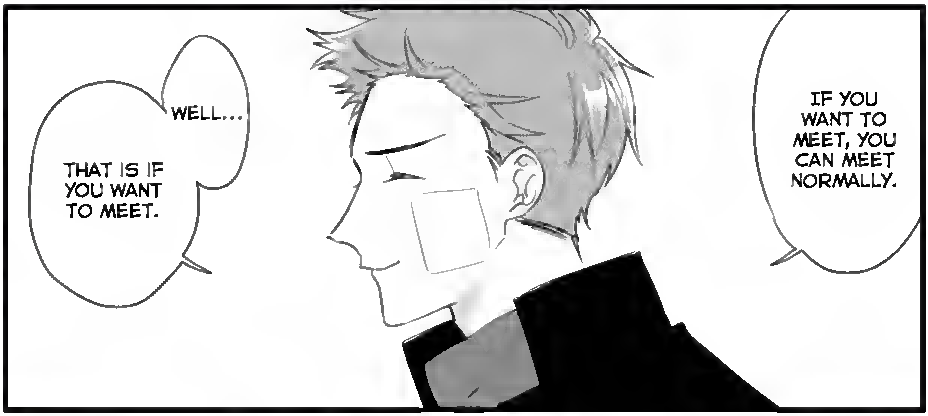
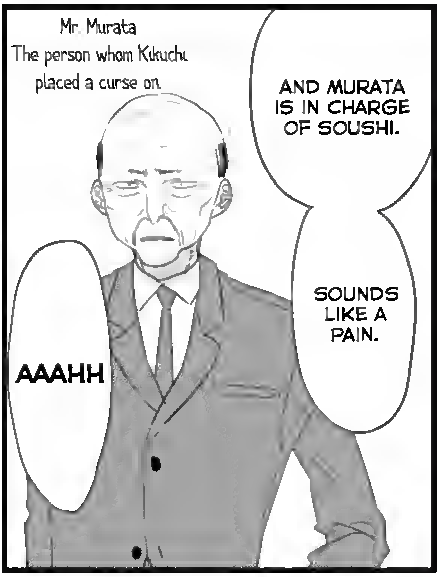

THEN WE SNEAK OUT AGAIN AND GO HOME DURING 6TH PERIOD.
WE SNEAK IN DURING 1ST PERIOD.
BUT I DIDN'T SEE YOU TWO LEAVE THE SCHOOL...
We can't attend classes so they make sure you don't see us.
OHH.


SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE ABSENT. YOU'RE ONLY SUSPENDED FROM ATTENDING CLASSES, SO THEY STILL MAKE YOU COME TO SCHOOL.
THEY MAKE YOU WRITE REFLECTION ESSAYS AND DO SCHOOL WORK HERE.


IF YOU WANT TO MEET, YOU CAN MEET NORMALLY.
WELL...
THAT IS IF YOU WANT TO MEET.

I SEE.
WAKAMATSU-KUN IS INJURED ALL OVER.
YEAH.
HE PROBAB-LY DOESN'T WANT TO MEET YOU IN THAT CONDITION.
MAYBE.

How terrible
EVEN IF HE LETS HIM GO, HE'S THE TYPE TO GRUMBLE.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, TOO.


Mr. Murata
The person whom Kikuchi placed a curse on.
AND MURATA IS IN CHARGE OF SOUSHI.
SOUNDS LIKE A PAIN.
AAAHH

.....YOU BETTER NOT MENTION THAT TO SOUSHI.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, TOO.
Why did you tell me?
I remembered I also don't like that teacher.
THIS ISN'T RELATED, BUT DURING MY TURN FOR THE UNIFORM INSPECTION MR. MURATA TOLD ME HE'LL CHECK MY BLOOD PRESSURE AND HE WAS PRETTY TOUCHY-FEELY.

ARITA.
WAAAH LUCKY YOU. MUST'VE BEEN SUPER CHILL.
Good morning.
Good morning.
WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF YOU, CHIHIRO?

SO YOU WERE ALSO SUSPENDED BEFORE, KAWASAKI-KUN...
YUP. WE WERE ALL ANNIHILA-TED.
Yammer yammer yammer yammer yammer
He made me write it in a sembasement classroom.
WHEN I WAS SUSPENDED, MURATA WAS IN CHARGE OF ME.
HE WAS COMPLAINING THE WHOLE TIME THAT WRITING MY REFLECTION PAPER WAS TIRESOME.

What are you doing you little—
Huuh?
BUT HE'S REALLY SCARY WHEN ANGRY.
AHAHA NO WAY.
EVERY STRAND OF HIS BEARD STANDS UP.
Like a sea urchin.
I CAN IMAGINE ...
ARITA PRETTY MUCH GAVE ME ADVICE AND SHOWED ME HOW TO WRITE A PROPER REFLECTION PAPER.
I WAS LIKE, "WOW, REALLY? YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLING JOB?"
KAWASAKI-KUN TOLD ME THE SAME THING~
CAN I TAKE A PHOTO? I'LL SEND IT TO SOUSHI.
OH?
YOU'RE WEARING TIGHTS MEGUMI-CHAN.
IT'S OKAY?!
SURE, GO AHEAD.
AHAHA
LET'S SEND THIS IN HOPES THAT HIS HAPPINESS WILL MULTIPLY BY THREE WHEN THEY MEET.

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHAT WAS THE PUNISHMENT OF THE THIRD YEARS?
OH. ONE WAS EXPELLED. THE OTHER IS TENTATIVELY WITHDRAWN.
THEY'RE THE MAIN REASON FOR THIS AFTER ALL.
FIGHTS...
...ARE FRUIT-LESS.
I HOPE WAKAMATSU-KUN COMES TO SCHOOL ASAP.
YEAH.
...YEAH.

STARTING TODAY...
WAKA-MATSU-KUN SHOULD BE HERE TODAY.
AH MEGUMI
HMM...
IS HE HERE ALREADY?
WAKA MATSU-KUN

GOOD MORNING.
I'M MORE OR LESS BETTER NOW.
WAKA-MATSU-KUN,
YOUR INJURIES.
BETTER COMPARED TO LAST TIME,
RIGHT?

ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
YEAH. MY SPRAIN'S ALSO BETTER NOW.
UM
SORRY.
I'M GLAD.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALRIGHT.
I'M REALLY
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.

I
I WAS LONELY.
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YEAH
ME, TOO.
I WAS LONELY.
AND WE COULDN'T TALK. I DON'T LIKE THAT...
BUT I WAS SCARED.
PLEASE STOP...
YOU LOOKED REALLY COOL WHEN YOU FIGHT...

YEAH.
I WILL.
O-OH...
You'd say, "What did you say?" to each other I like seeing you and Kikuchi-kun punching each other.
BUT... FRIENDSHIP PUNCHES ARE TOTALLY OKAY...
YOU'RE WEARING TIGHTS, MEGUMI!
AH THAT'S RIGHT!
Okay <3
They sent me photos. Don't just let them take a photo of you.
BY THE WAY, DID YOU WIN THE FIGHT?
WE WON.
I knew it <3

[It's sad to see a blank page left, it makes you want to put something to read, right?]

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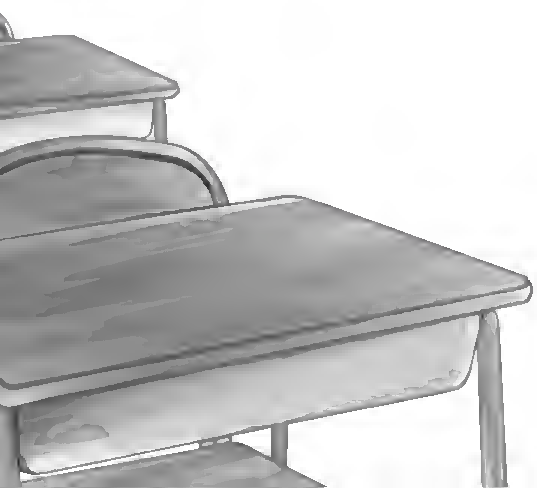
Come to think of it, I haven't decided on their birthdays yet, have I?! I'll have them done by vol 3.
It'd be nice if I don't forget.
Too bad I probably will forget.



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